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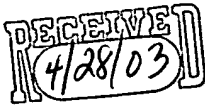
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For: **PRESENTATION OF IMAGES
RESEMBLING EACH OTHER**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claims 1, 9, 17 and 18 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of displaying images that resemble each other, comprising the steps of:
- extracting image features from images;
 - dividing a feature space of the image features into sub-spaces having a hierarchical structure;
 - generating a tree structure having the sub-spaces as nodes thereof;